

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 541

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 337  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 337 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require registration for  
athletic trainers.

The Department of Education, the University of Hawaii, and  
the Hawaii Association of Athletic Trainers supported this  
measure. The Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii supported  
the intent of the measure. The Regulated Industries Complaints  
Office in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the  
State Auditor, the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy  
Association, and an individual opposed this bill. The  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department  
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only three states  
that does not currently regulate the practice of athletic  
training. Regulation of this industry will require that  
registered athletic trainers must demonstrate minimum competency  
in the field.

Your Committee amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "athlete";

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- (2) Prohibiting athletic trainers from seeking reimbursement from third party insurance payers for their services; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 337, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 337, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary,

  
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GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair

  
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair





